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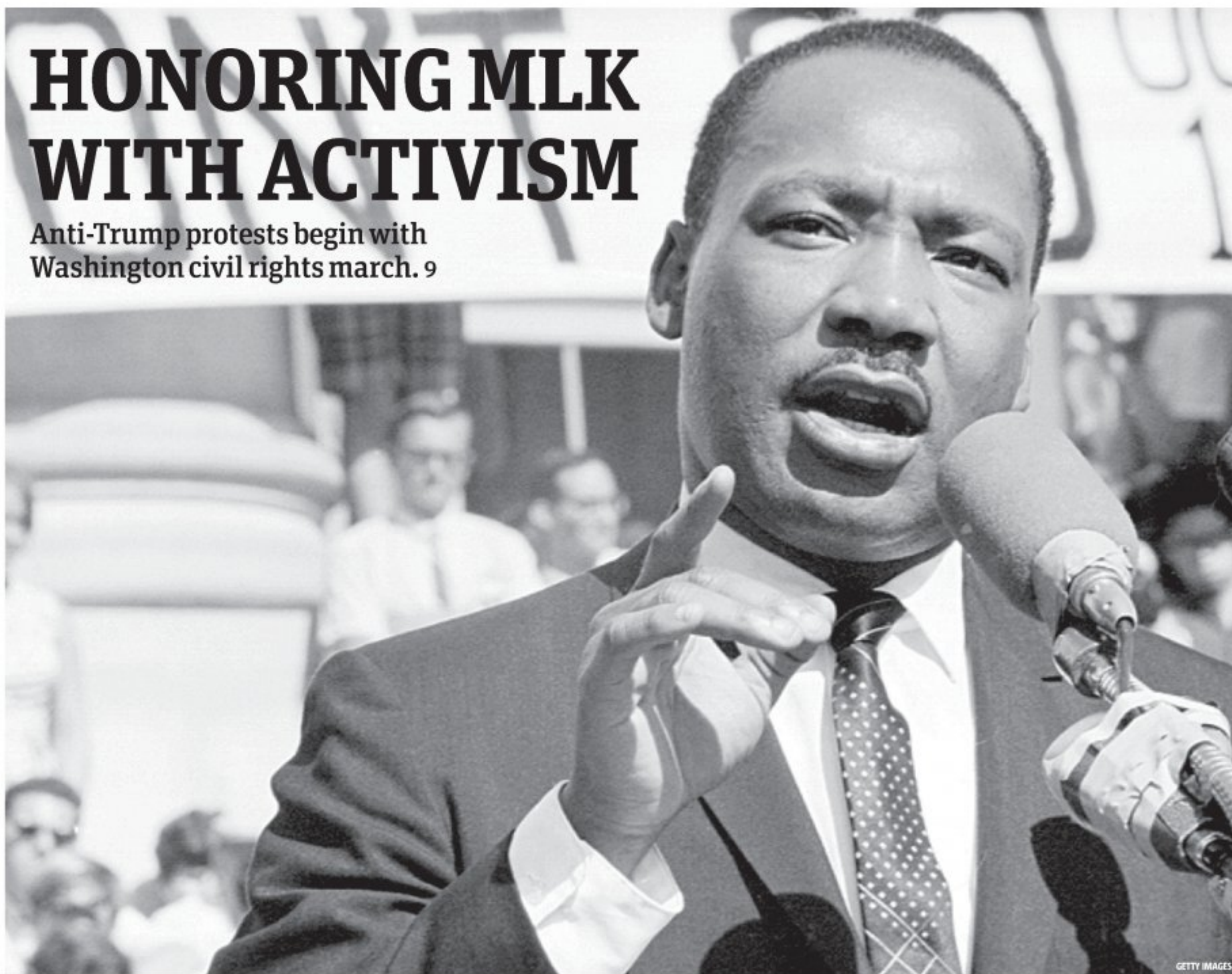
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The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus said it will cease performances after 146 years in business, owing to what it said were declining tickets sales and high operating costs. "After much evaluation and deliberation, my family and I have made the difficult business decision that Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey will hold its final performances in May," Kenneth Feld, chairman and CEO of Feld



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## CIA HEAD WARNS TRUMP TO WATCH WHAT HE SAYS

2 Outgoing CIA Director John Brennan issued a stern parting rebuke to Donald Trump days before he assumes the U.S. presidency, advising him not to absolve Russia for its recent actions and warning him to watch what he says. Brennan made the comments on "Fox News Sunday," laid bare the tensions between the president-elect and the intelligence community he has criticized and is on the verge

of commanding. The CIA director said Trump needs to be mindful about his off-the-cuff remarks, alluding to his penchant for making broad pronouncements on Twitter. "Spontaneity is not something that protects national security interests and so therefore when he speaks or when he reacts, just make sure he understands that the implications and impact on the United States could be profound," Brennan said. **REUTERS**

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The Year of Protest seems to be well underway. Several anti-hate rallies have been held since Election Day. The Women's March on Washington is set for Inauguration Day, as are similar demonstrations in many cities. Feminist Gloria Steinem is inviting women to a 1 @ 1 National Minute of Silence. See what it's all about online.

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## DRESS REHEARSAL

5 President-Elect Donald Trump stand-in, Army Sgt. Major Greg Lowery, and Melania Trump stand-in, Army Spc. Sara Corry take part in the dress rehearsal for Trump's inauguration on Sunday on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House in Washington, D.C.

THINGS YOU  
NEED TO KNOW

## KREMLIN: NO TALKS ON PUTIN-TRUMP MEETING

3 There have been no talks yet about a possible meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, Russia's RIA news agency quoted the Kremlin as saying on Sunday. "There have not been talks about a meeting yet," the Kremlin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov told RIA. He was asked for comments after Britain's Sunday Times reported that Trump had told



British officials that such a summit was being planned, possibly to be staged in the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik. **REUTERS**

## ICE STORM HITS CENTRAL US, UPPER MIDWEST

4 A winter storm brought more ice and freezing rain to a large swath of the central United States on Sunday, creating dangerous driving conditions and power outages from northeast New Mexico to central Illinois during the long holiday weekend. Ice storm warnings and winter weather advisories were in effect for parts of as many as 10 states in the central and Upper Midwest, according

to the National Weather Service. The storm was likely to have the most severe impact in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, where forecasters warned of widespread freezing rain throughout Sunday. A quarter to a half inch of ice was forecast for most of Kansas, the Weather Service said. Accumulating ice and high winds would likely snap power lines and tree branches, it warned. **REUTERS**

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# Philly artist's vision of 'Do Blue' lives on in Blue Grotto

Randy Dalton passed away last year, but his years of work creating blue artworks out of found objects are on view in an installation open to the public.



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During his long career as an artist of the unusual in Philadelphia, the late Randy Dalton took the color blue as his trademark. But the pieces that Dalton created out of found objects had a more direct message than Picasso's Blue Period.

"Do Blue," Dalton's slogan, was a call to arms to support the arts, as he explained it.

"If the art community and its supporters used the color blue to identify themselves, we would be surprised how many of us there are," he wrote.

Now Dalton's message is surviving on through the "Blue Grotto," a permanent installation of his pieces in the basement of the Lancaster Community Education Center (CEC) in University City.

"Working with Randy and getting to know him for the short amount of time that we did, we got to understand his vision and his thought process," said Paige Miller, one of the Grotto's current caretakers. "We're just trying to keep it as close to his vision as possible."



From left, Ashley Carrega and Paige Miller, both UArts grads, are the current caretakers of the Blue Grotto. RANDI FAIR

Dalton passed away suddenly last February at 67. But his "Do Blue" campaign, which beyond his own creations included putting the word "Art" in blue lights in his pool, on a rooftop, and handing out solid blue buttons, lives on through the Grotto installation.

"It's magical, magical stuff," said Scott Maits, a CEC employee and Grotto caretaker who recalled Dalton as "a bundle of energy."

"He could easily spend 24 straight hours working on this," he said.

More than a hundred pieces of Dalton's art are featured in the grotto, encompassing a stunning variety of

materials, from glass to ceramics, toys, hub caps and old photo slides.

Dalton, a Milwaukee native who was living in Mt. Airy when he died, was not formally trained as an artist, Miller said. But he worked for years in

2015 along with her friend Ashley Carrega.

The two started working with Dalton on the Grotto. Since his death, they have taken over upkeep of the Grotto.

"Most of the time, he was trying to help

*"We're just trying to keep it as close to his vision as possible."*

Paige Miller

stalling exhibitions at UPenn's Institute of Contemporary Art, and was a member of the Philly Dumpster Divers.

"He was just so excited, so enthusiastic, always on the move," recalled Miller, 24, a UArts grad who met Dalton

out other people," said Miller, a sculptor. "His mind never stopped. Even when he was doing something, he was thinking about the next thing. You see that in his sculptures and the Grotto itself."

At its simplest level,



## If you go

The Blue Grotto on Lancaster Avenue is viewable on the second Friday of every month or by appointment.

For updates, follow the Grotto on Facebook or Instagram.

the Grotto is focused around a collection of blue lights, but the variety of materials yields surprises in every corner. There's even a toy elephant with a reconstructed trunk holding a blue light bulb, titled "Happy Republicans support art."

The grotto is also full of personal and historical touches, like tributes to Dalton's friend Holly Maddux, the 30-year-old woman whose grisly murder at the hands of her boyfriend in the '70s in apartment just blocks from the CEC was one of the city's most high-profile crimes.

The CEC and the Grotto's caretakers have varying plans for the future of Dalton's

legacy. It could be a potential gallery space for other artists. But just as a place to gather, it has "very special vibes," as Scott put it.

"People have religious experiences down here," he said. "We like to say Randy's still sitting over here," pointing to a chair with Dalton's jacket slung over it.

Whatever happens, the Blue Grotto will live on.

"Walking through the space, it's kind of like being a kid again, that feeling of awe and amazement, Miller said. "I still go down there and feel like, 'Whoa, has this always been here?' It's just so much to look at."

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A man bikes down Broad Street. GETTY IMAGES

## PLOWING BIKE LANES

**RANDY  
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storms. The Delaware River Port Authority, which maintains the tunnel, did so in order to plow both the motor vehicle lane and bike lane. Some cities maintain bike lanes through the winter by utilizing smaller vehicles with plows attached to the front, but we do not yet have such a luxury in Philadelphia.

So, they took out the flex posts. At least the lane would be plowed.

Or would it? Imagine everyone's surprise when the 5th Street Tunnel's bike lane was covered in snow Monday morning.

After a series of angry tweets directed at the DRPA and several phone calls, a plow was sent back to the tunnel and took care of the snow in the bike lane.

As it happened, the DRPA Citizens Advisory Council had a preplanned meeting the following Wednesday. The council agreed to bring up these issues and figure out a better way to deal with the situation.

For their part, members of the DRPA were extremely forthcoming and apologetic. DRPA CEO John Hanson explained that the tunnel's lack of plowing was a total oversight and that they'd prepared for the problem next time there's a storm.

Another cycling advocate in attendance, Joseph Russell, brought up the idea of using small Bobcat snow plows that can fit in between small curbs and bike lanes — something that will become more important as Philadelphia adds more protected bike lanes to its network over the next three years. Hanson said he was open to this idea and that the DRPA was currently in talks to either use their current equipment to do so, or invest in new equipment. That conversation is ongoing.

It's important city entities understand that, while most cyclists know bike lanes are not the top priority, we all deserve a safe path to and from where we need to go.

Randy LoBasso is the communications manager at the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia.

You know that clichéd conversation about how snow days were awesome when you were a kid, but now, as an adult, it's mostly just a hassle? You've got to shovel your sidewalk, potentially your driveway and street, and trains are delayed, right? Yeah, well that hassle is a lot worse if you're someone who regularly commutes by bicycle.

As I discussed in a past column on winter biking, riding on the ice is a bit tricky, but it gets a lot worse when it snows, as snow gets piled in the bike lane, and you're forced into traffic. It gets worse on multilane roads like Spring Garden and Fifth Street in Center City, where motor vehicle drivers routinely break the speed limit and run red lights.

Fifth Street is the odd case I want to talk about here. The organization in charge of maintaining the Fifth Street tunnel that goes underground in Old City and comes up at Callowhill Street recently had a spat over plowing that should be used as an example of what to do when you get called out for not doing the job you're paid to do.

The tunnel reopened last summer after a complete remake — new lights, new paving, and flex posts installed between the motor vehicle and bike lane, creating a safer atmosphere for everyone traveling underground there.

But things changed earlier this winter. The flex posts were yanked out of the tunnel for apparent better access to plowing during snow-

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Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross GETTY IMAGES

## DOJ: Police adopted nearly all recommended reforms

The Department of Justice report did note the police union opposed recording interviews with officers who used deadly force.



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In 2013, former Philadelphia Police Department Commissioner Charles Ramsey asked the federal government to review the department's policies and practices after fatal shootings by officers were found to be on the rise.

Four years later, the review continues, but a report the U.S. Department of Justice released Friday noted that the department had completed 91 percent of the recommendations issued by the federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

The report praised the department for creating an Officer Involved Shooting Incident unit inside the department, an internal unit for criminal investigations of all deadly force incidents.

Staffed with a captain, three sergeants and eight detectives, the unit has met goals of interviewing all officers involved within three days of the incident and closing all cases

within 30 days, according to the federal report.

But the report also noted the police department's union has opposed the recommendation to video-record all interviews with officers who used deadly force.

COPS office director Ronald Davis called the department's progress "outstanding" in a statement and credited Police Commissioner Richard Ross with "strong and steadfast leadership."

There was praise for the department's work on exploring the use of body cameras, but progress stalled in other areas.

Regarding police-involved shootings, the Department of Justice said Philadelphia Police should post detailed information about the incidents online and publish an annual report about "trends" in such shootings citywide. The department says that report is under development.

In a further sign of coordination with COPS' recommendation for police activity to be scrutinized by a civilian review board, Mayor Jim Kenney signed an executive order Friday re-establishing the Police Advisory Commission.

Kenney said the 13-member civilian review board will help increase "accountability" in the department.

### NO SITTING

#### Philly mayor, public stand up to Rittenhouse Square sitting ban

After a sign banning people from sitting on the inner stone walls of Rittenhouse Square popped up last week, politicians and the public are speaking out against it.

A sign warning visitors to the park, which popped up Thursday, is meant to deter "continuous vandalism and marijuana smoking," a representative with the Friends

of Rittenhouse group told Billy Penn, which broke the story.

"City officials, Parks and Recreation, [Philadelphia] police and the Friends determined it was in the park's best interest to no longer allow people to sit on the balustrade. Benches throughout the park are provided for people to sit," Jackie Whyte told the news outlet.

The city's Parks and Recreation department backed up Whyte, saying in a statement

that the ban is "in response to a recent uptick in vandalism on the historic balustrades, which received nearly \$1 million in restoration work just a few years ago."

But the rule in opposition of the decades-old tradition of sitting on the Rittenhouse Square walls has drawn ire, from both the public and from Mayor Jim Kenney.

"Sit where you want," Kenney tweeted from his personal Twitter account Saturday night.

"Regarding Rittenhouse Square, I'm frustrated too. This government is very large and at times things just get by you," he said, closing his message with a peace sign emoji.

For now, visitors to the park receive warnings from police. But violators could receive fines in the future.

Several protests — one for sitting, and one for pot smoking — are standing up to the ban, and are planned for this week. ALEXIS SACHDEV

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## FAIR AND SQUARE

**Republicans defend legitimacy of Trump's election**

Vice President-elect Mike Pence said that he was disappointed by a black civil rights activist and politician's questioning of Donald Trump's legitimacy as president of the United States and his decision to boycott the inauguration.

U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat, said on Friday he thought hacking by Russians had helped Trump, a Republican, get elected. Lewis said he does

not plan to attend Trump's Jan. 20 inauguration, the first time he would miss such an event since being elected to the House in 1986.

"We honor the sacrifice that he made," Pence said on CBS' "Face the Nation" program. "For someone of his stature not just in the civil rights movement but in voting rights to make a comment that he did not consider Donald Trump to be a legitimate president I think is deeply disap-

pointing. I hope he reconsiders both statements."

Pence said he had attended both of President Barack Obama's inaugurations. He said at a time when the country was facing challenges both at home and abroad, Americans should look for ways to come together.

Similar sentiments were echoed by incoming White House chief of staff Reince Priebus. Speaking on ABC's "This Week" program, Priebus said

Lewis' comments, given his position in society, were irresponsible and disappointing.

"We need folks like John Lewis, and others who I think have been champions of voter rights, actually recognize the fact that

Donald Trump was duly elected," said Priebus. "I think putting the United States down across the world is not something that a responsible person does." REUTERS

INAUGURAL  
UPHEAVALS

Cabinet members picked? Check. Tux ready? Check. Meeting with Steve Harvey? Check! Most of the maneuvering in D.C. will take a backseat to the pageantry of the presidential inauguration this week. But in this heavily charged political climate, there will still be plenty to watch.

**1. NOTHING TO FEAR, BUT TWITTER ITSELF**

Most new presidents enjoy their inaugural basking in the glow of voter approval. Donald Trump may be different. For starters, his approval rating coming into office is the lowest Gallup has seen. What's more, he's under heavy fire over his views on Russia, dismantling Obamacare, and his looming Supreme Court pick. His response to such pressure has always been the same: attack. So brace yourself for some heavy Twitter fire from the new occupant of the Oval Office, and all the fallout that typically follows.

**2. ILLEGITIMI NON CARBORUNDUM**

Amid reports about Russian hacking of the election, a steady stream of Democrats has been winking and nodding — some strongly — at the idea Mr. Trump didn't really win the race fair and square. Civil rights icon and Georgia Democratic Congressman John Lewis came right out and said, "I don't see this President-elect as a legitimate president." Watch for more Dems to quietly echo that sentiment ahead of the oath;

**TOM FOREMAN***Opinion*

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it won't have any effect, but it may make them feel better.

**3. FAMILY FEUD**

Speaking of Steve Harvey, the new administration may want to keep the game show host around as the GOP jumps into a family feud over repealing/replacing Obamacare. It's going to be tricky in legislative, economic and political terms, and there is no broad agreement on how to get it done. The danger is clear: Democrats will pound away at those divisions as evidence the GOP is stranding people with no health care coverage. The danger for Dems? If they seem too intent on whipping Repubs instead of helping with the replacement plan, they too could get swept up in the political fallout.



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# Honoring his memory with activism

Anti-Trump protests begins with Washington, D.C. Civil Rights march.

U.S. civil rights activists vowed on Saturday to defend hard-fought gains in voting rights and criminal justice during the presidency of Donald Trump, kicking off a week of protests ahead of the Republican's inauguration.

About 2,000 mostly black protesters ignored steady rain to march and rally near Washington's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, as speakers urged them to fight for minority rights and President Barack Obama's signature healthcare law, which Trump has vowed to dismantle.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, the rally's organizer and a veteran civil rights leader, said Democrats in Congress needed to be sent a simple message: "Get some backbone."

"We march in the driving rain because we want the nation to understand that what has been fought for and gained, that you're going to need more than one election to turn it around," he said.

The rally drew fewer people than organizers had initially expected, but Sharpton said afterwards he was satisfied with the turnout, given the rain and temperatures hovering just above freezing.

"I really didn't think we'd get those kind of numbers," he said in a telephone interview.

Trump, a New York real estate developer, won with a populist platform that included promises to build a wall along the Mexican border, restrict immigration from Muslim countries and dismantle Obamacare.

His choice of Sen. Jeff Sessions, an Alabama Republican, to become attorney general has raised concern among many on the left that Trump could weaken voting rights for minorities and roll back

*"We will march until hell freezes over, and when it does, we will march on the ice."*

Cornell William Brooks

criminal justice reforms.

"We will march until hell freezes over, and when it does, we will march on the ice," said Cornell William Brooks, president and chief executive of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The rally also included the Hispanic group La Raza, politicians, relatives of African-Americans slain by police, the National Urban League, Planned Parenthood and the Human Rights Campaign, an advocacy group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights.

The rally came hours after Trump blasted U.S. Representative John Lewis after the Georgia Democrat and civil rights campaigner said Russia's alleged hacking aimed at helping Trump put his legitimacy into question.

Trump replied on Twitter that Lewis should focus instead on his Atlanta district. "All talk, talk, talk — no action or results! Sad!" he wrote.

About 30 groups, almost all of them anti-Trump, have gotten permits to protest before, during and after the inauguration. Thousands of demonstrators have vowed to shut down the inauguration.

Washington police and the U.S. Secret Service plan to have some 3,000 extra officers and an additional 5,000 National Guard troops on hand for security.

By far the biggest event will be the Women's March on Washington the day after the inauguration, which organizers say could draw 200,000 people. REUTERS



Dr. Martin Luther King leads thousands of civil rights demonstrators out on the last leg of their Selma to Montgomery 50-mile hike. GETTY IMAGES

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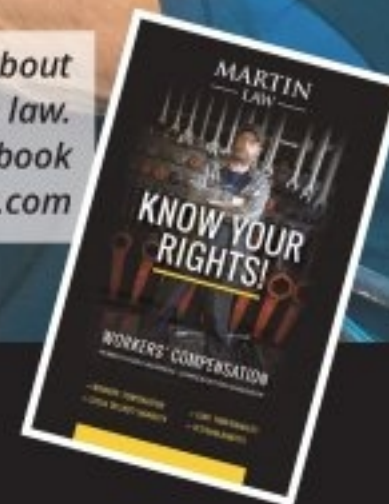
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# Kings of the road

Kings of Leon bring their seventh studio album, "Walls," on tour.



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Three years after "Mechanical Bull" (and its charmingly catchy single "Supersoaker"), Kings of Leon timidly re-emerged with their seventh studio album, "Walls." This time, the band — known for their high emotions, both in song and among themselves (they're brothers, after all) — worked with Markus Dravs, the U.K.-based producer known for working his finesse on Florence and the Machine, Arcade Fire, Coldplay and Mumford and Sons. The result is a tight 10-track album that dropped in October, trickling out the likes of the unexpected mosey-inducing "Muchacho" and abstractly Springsteen-esque title track, "Walls." "Waste a Moment" and "Find Me" might incite a toe tap to your dad and his friends, but they play just fine by us, too.

We caught up with Jared Followill — the youngest of the Nashville foursome — from Atlantic City, just before the band hits the road for a U.S. tour and the summer festival circuit.

**Now that you're in rehearsals and have played the album live — do you notice any of Markus' handiwork coming through on stage?**

Maybe, but not obviously. His influences are greatly shown when we play anything from "Walls," but we don't lock ourselves into album tours. We see our live show as a growing thing; it's always been there, we just add to it.

**Seven albums in — how are you going to narrow it down?**

It's tough. I don't think there's any way to make everyone happy — including us.

**One song I'm dying to see live is "Muchacho," just because it's such a different vibe from what we're used to seeing from you.**

That, I can say for a fact, will be there. We're running through the set now, and "Muchacho" is something we're excited to play. It's a song that came together late [in the recording process] for us, and there was a weird vision for us. It's like a super bar-band, karaoke-style song. It's somewhat challenging, and it'll be interesting to see how it works out in these arena venues.

**Given that you guys are family, do you find you're always being asked about how that plays into your dynamics as a band?**



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Yeah, and I understand why, but I also know there's no real way for us to answer those questions. None of us have been in other bands. We've only been in a

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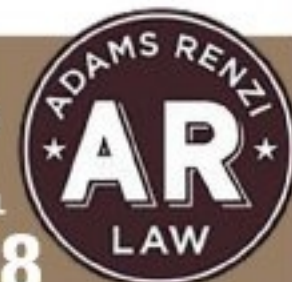
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## Camp, joy and cabaret

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The concept of dinner theater gets turned on its head when Philadelphia performing artist, writer and director John Jarboe — the boss of The Bearded Ladies experimental cabaret company — does his first “History of Cabaret Spectacular.” This culinary and performative journey with FringeArts and its Le Peg restaurant will offer a series of themed meals prepared by Chef Peter Woolsey, covering the cuisine and cabaret of Paris, Zurich, Berlin and more. In other Jarboe news, his Bearded Ladies perform a 50th anniversary tribute to Barbra Streisand’s “Color Me Barbra” with “Color Me Bearded” at the Philadelphia Museum of Art beginning Feb. 1.

**Before discussing FringeArts, how did the whole “Color Me Bearded” concept come about?** I’m not really a Barbra fanatic. I’m more of a Judy [Garland] and Ethel [Merman] homo. But I love the PMA, and I love what Barbra did there. At a time when museum

attendance was down in the late ‘60s she claimed the museum for herself, for someone who, although famous, still was a Brooklyn-born Jewish girl. We are really using Barbra and the memory of “Color Me Barbra” to explore accessibility in the museum. I also think at political times like these, we need camp and joy. It’s gonna be really campy.

**What’s your agenda for Bearded Ladies in 2017?**

We’re continuing to reach out to the various arts and community organizations in the city, using the power and directness of cabaret to put people in actual [not virtual] conversation with each other. Cabaret is radical because at the simplest level it is a live experience that still prioritizes liveness — insists on it. I’m working with the Beards to connect to our history, to learn who the cabaret artists and queer artists of the past were and how they balanced poison and cookie in their work. I want to enter this next four years armed with history.

**Cool. History definitely figures into the FringeArts and Le Peg spectacular. Are you a big eater?**

I’m a big cook. Julia Child is my spirit animal. So I tend to eat in or sneak into other people’s dinner parties.

**Did you grow up a big fan of dinner theater?**

Philly has had some great concept-specific rooms in its time. Food makes family and community out of anyone. So does really good art. Put them together and you can really move people. I learned from my friend and collaborator Rebecca Wright that if you feed people during rehearsal, the art goes deeper and more personal. I cook for my rehearsals. I might as well cook for the audience, too. I think the same rules apply. I want to be eating with my audience. I want them to forget what a dinner roll is and what’s a song.

“History of Cabaret Spectacular,” Thursday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m., FringeArts, 140 N. Columbus Blvd. (corner of Columbus Boulevard and Race Street); four course meal with wine pairing: \$75; fringearts.com

“Color Me Bearded” starts Feb. 1, 6 p.m. Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway; \$25 (\$20 PMA members; \$10 PMA artist & student members). philamuseum.org

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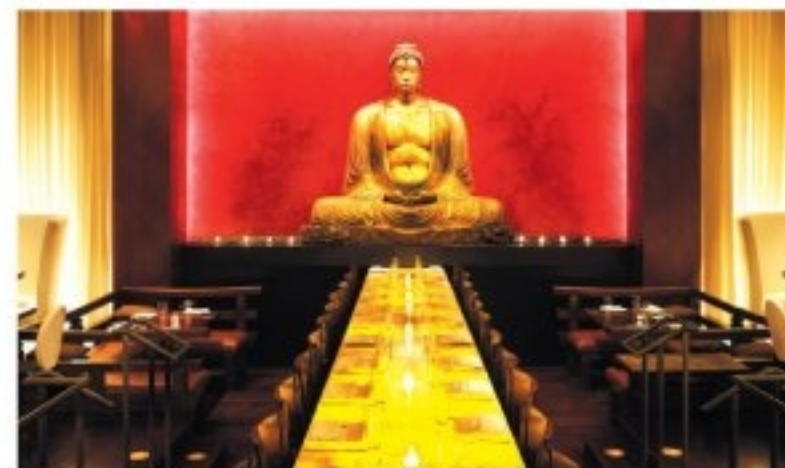


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There seems to be an official day for every food known to man, but National Peking Duck Day Jan. 18 is definitely something special. The classic Asian dish dates all the way to imperial times and features duck meat that is thin and crispy.

Buddakan in Philly is celebrating with a five-course duck-focused dinner menu by Chef Nery Hernandez.

"We recently added the Peking duck to the menu here at Buddakan, and we wanted to make it stand out. We pushed ourselves to create a whole menu around duck and the components tradi-



Is there such a thing as too much duck? Buddakan doesn't think so. PROVIDED

tionally used in the preparation of duck dishes," Hernandez says.

The decadent meal will include an amuse-bouche of housemade pickles, followed by duck consomme with foie gras wontons, duck salad with watercress, frisée and tangerines and for the main event, a whole Peking duck with longevity noodles and mushroom fried rice. To wash it all down, Buddakan's sommelier has selected a special wine to pair with

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# Start up your career in the new year

Anna Akbari tells us how to give things a jolt in 2017



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When Anna Akbari received her Ph.D. in sociology in 2008, she felt like she was on top of the world. And then the Great Recession began.

"As a lot of people did, I became acutely aware that the system that we had become used to seeing as a security blanket wasn't something that we could rely on," says Akbari, the author of the book "Startup Your Life: Hustle and Hack Your Way to Happiness." "We really had to individually be a little scrappy and reinvent the system."

With many readers having career-related New Year's resolutions on the brain, we asked Akbari for her tips on how to have a transfor-

mative 2017.

## Think like a visionary

The trick to creating meaningful change is to begin disrupting your work routine long before it is necessary to do so. "Too often we think of change as something that is thrust upon us in moments of crisis," explains Akbari. "Instead, we should adopt an always-changing mind-set so that we are nimble and constantly adapting and growing."

Simple ways of doing that include taking time to learn new skills, keeping up with how your industry is changing and being open to new positions, even when you aren't actively looking.

## Embrace the creative

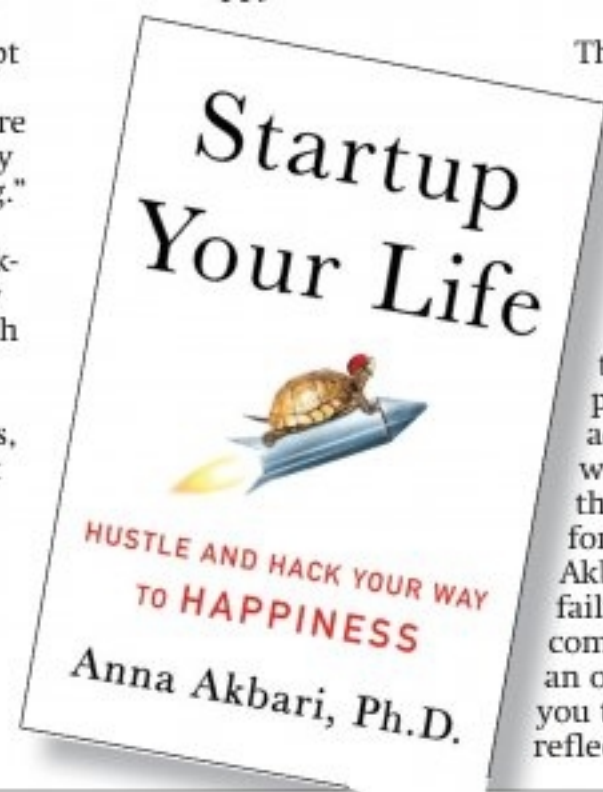
A big part of getting ready to make a ca-

reer change is opening your eyes to possibilities you may not have previously considered. "This might sound strange, but I tell people to always find play outlets," says Akbari. "I call this 'serious play' because it allows your imagination to run free and allows you to stay in touch with things that really make you happy."

Building time for creative projects into your week will also permit you to see how to get back in touch with talents you may not have used in a while. "Play is often left off our to-do lists, but it's important to integrate because of the benefits," she says.

## Accept failure

Throughout her book, Akbari stresses the need to accept failure and the occasional misstep as regular parts of life. "To be able to successfully pivot, you need to accept that failure will happen and that failure is good for growth," says Akbari. "When failure inevitably comes your way it is an opportunity for you to actively self-reflect."



For author Anna Akbari, new hobbies and projects are also untapped skill development opportunities. ALL PHOTOS CREDIT PROVIDED

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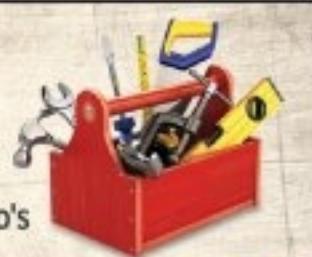
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# Pivetta, pitcher acquired for Papelbon climbing ranks in Phillies organization

With a lot of talented arms throughout their system, Nick Pivetta is looking to keep breaking through.

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Nick Pivetta takes pride in being a student of the game.

Even when he was growing up, Pivetta would find himself focusing on things such as a pitcher's release to how each one had its different intricacies. Now, the 23-year-old finds himself among the Phillies' prized crop of hurlers.

Pivetta was acquired in the Jonathan Papelbon deal from Washington. Before joining the Phillies organization, Pivetta never really had that breakout season, only making two appearances in Double-A where he was shelled for 12 earned runs in 15 innings.

That's behind him, though, as he embarks on his second full season



If Nick Pivetta pans out as a rotation pitcher it will be an excellent return for Jonathan Papelbon. GETTY IMAGES

in the organization after finally having a season to remember.

"Last year was one of my more successful seasons everything kind of came together," Pivetta said. "I always trying to stay humble and im-

prove as human being and a pitcher."

The right-hander went 11-6 in Double-AA Reading before making five starts in Triple-AAA Lehigh Valley where he kept his ERA at a respectable 2.55. His goal now is to "work on my consistency" and improve his command. Altogether last year, Pivetta walked 51 batters, which is hardly a blemish on his stellar season but is something that will provide just enough of a push to improve upon.

Perhaps the reason

for Pivetta's ascension within the Phillies organization is his willingness to not only study other pitchers around the league, but to make it a habit of watching himself.

Pivetta spent the postseason studying guys like Chicago's Jake Arrieta, who is someone he has grown very fond of over the years and someone he sees similarities in with his game.

"I think just sitting back, relaxing, looking at video looking at how you attack video and

your mechanics, really going back to what you could have done different and going back on the learning situations you had over the year," Pivetta explained.

Phillies fans will appreciate his ultimate idol. Being a Canadian (and of course a hockey-loving Vancouver Canucks fan), Pivetta found himself watching as many Roy Halla-

## 2016 season

Overall, Pivetta turned in a solid performance starting in both Double and Triple-A last season:

Reading: 22 GS, 124 IP, 11-6, 3.41 ERA, 111 SO, 41 BB

Lehigh Valley: 5 GS, 24.2 IP, 1-2, 2.55 ERA, 27 SO, 10 BB

day starts as he possibly could. Pivetta said he would get out of school around 3 p.m. and bolt home to get back in time for the 4 p.m. Blue Jays games.

"He will be one player I will always remember for the rest of my life," Pivetta said.

Now there's still a long way to go for Pivetta, but he's clearly heading in the right direction as the organization added him to their 40-man roster this offseason, a move that signals how strongly they view him. Had he not been put on the roster, another team could have drafted him in the Rule 5 process.

The Phillies didn't want to miss out on this kid, especially one that has big aspirations of being the next Roy Halladay for his country.

"I am focused on myself and doing a better job and being a better person and a better teammate and put myself in position to get better," Pivetta said.



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Flyers fans saw the puck drop before Sunday's matinee against the Capitals in Washington thinking that things couldn't really get any worse.

After watching the Flyers fire off the franchise's best winning-streak in decades prior to Christmas, the team spontaneously seemed to slide further and further into disarray, losing six of eight games since their holiday break prior to Sunday.

A new low came in D.C., as the Flyers fell, 5-0.

With a 1-0 deficit entering the third, the Capitals scored a pair of goals in 1:16 of game time — which was followed by two more goals within the next six minutes and the visibly defeated Flyers bench looked just as embarrassed as fans did watching at home.

In their recent seven setbacks they've been outscored, 13-33. Just a few weeks ago they



The Flyers have lost nine away games in a row. GETTY IMAGES

looked to be heading straight for an easy play-off berth. But Philly has fallen to eighth in the Eastern conference and fifth in the Metropolitan division.

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- 4 Ricelike pasta
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- 12 Military obligation, e.g.
- 13 Legal costs
- 14 -- pie
- 16 Object of adoration
- 17 Shabby (hyph.)
- 19 Where Pliny the Younger served
- 21 Cloudy region
- 22 One kind of mother
- 23 Slow oven
- 25 Courtroom fig.
- 27 Doubt
- 31 Removes a renter
- 35 Mil. branch
- 36 Sweetens the kitty
- 38 Bag
- 39 Granny's other daughter
- 41 Super-huge
- 43 Snowballed
- 44 Stonehenge priest
- 46 Like hushpuppies
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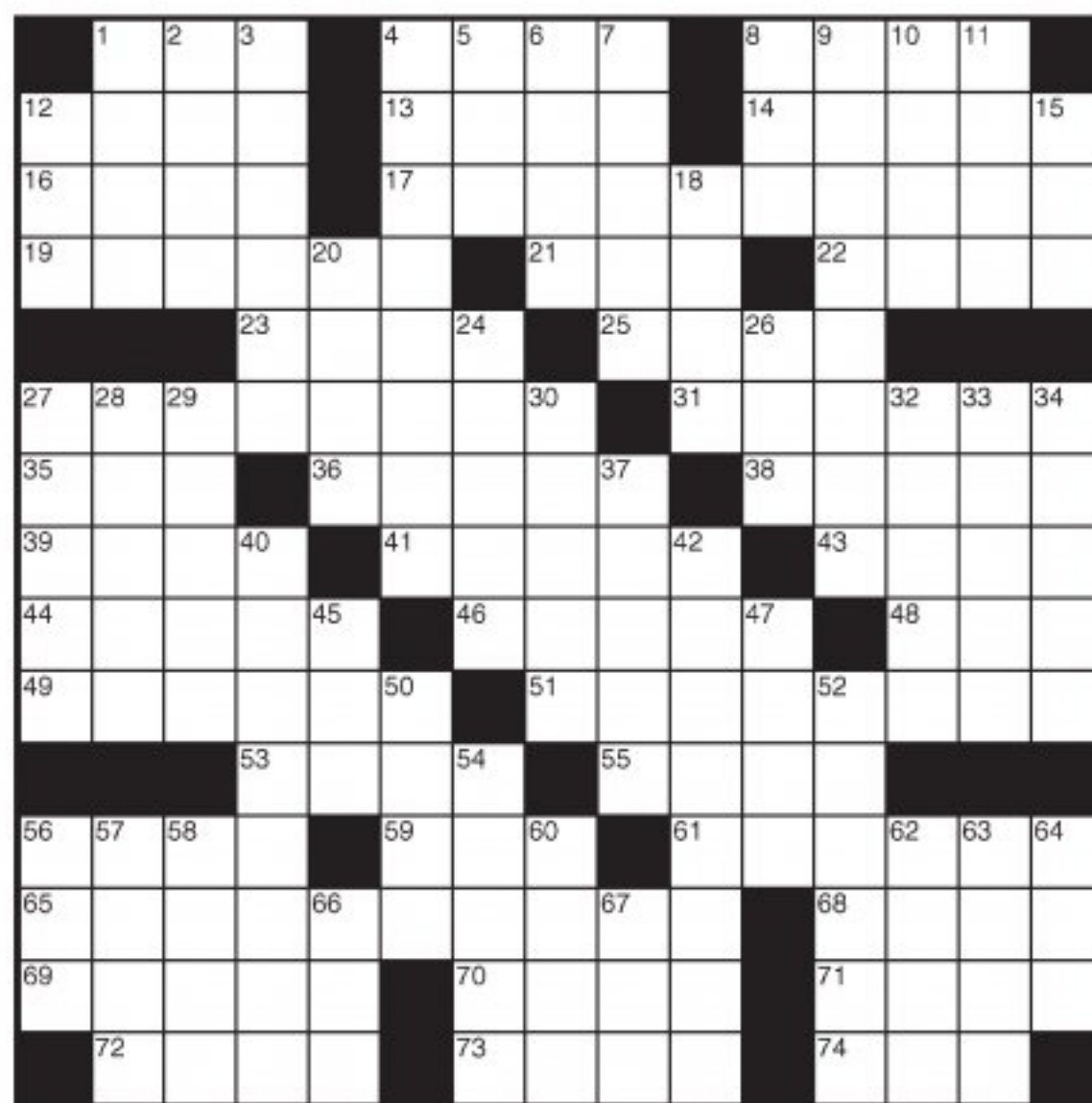
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- 30 Gets closer
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